

## LETTER

FROM

## THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TRANSMITTING

*Estimate for purchase of right of way to Point Sur Light Station.*

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FEBRUARY 6, 1889.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 4, 1889.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Light-House Board of December 26, 1888, submitting an estimate for an appropriation of \$1,500 to purchase a right of way to the light station at Point Sur, California.

Respectfully, yours,

HUGH S. THOMPSON,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, U. S. SENATE.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,  
*Washington, December 26, 1888.*

SIR: The Board has the honor to call your further attention to the matter mentioned in its letter of the 6th November last, relative to the right of way to the light station at Point Sur, California.

In letter from your office of the 13th instant, the Board was informed that the honorable the Attorney-General holds the opinion that, inasmuch as the grounds of the station are wholly surrounded by the open sea (itself a public highway) excepting only the east side, which adjoins the land referred to, it does not appear that a right of way by necessity exists in the premises.

The station is so situated that a landing upon the light-house site is difficult and dangerous, and it would therefore be a most precarious method of procuring the regular supplies necessary for the proper maintenance of the light. Beside this it is necessary to secure a supply of fresh water for the fog-signal, which can not be had upon the light-house reservation.

The owners of the adjoining property offer a right of way to the nearest road, together with the right to use a spring of water, for the

sum of \$1,500, and although this is above its value, the expense of condemnation will be so great and the delay so disadvantageous to the service that it will be better for the purchase to be made at once.

The Board therefore requests that Congress be asked to appropriate that sum for the purposes above set forth.

Respectfully, yours,

S. C. ROWAN,  
*Vice-Admiral U. S. Navy, Chairman.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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